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1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY LOOSCH FRG MINISTRY FOR RESEARCH AND  
TECHNOLOGY CALLED EMBSCIOFF WITH "PERSONAL AND PRELIMINARY"  
INQUIRY AS TO AVAILABILITY OF AMBASSADOR TO MEET WITH  
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DEPUTY SECRETARY HAUNSCHILD (MRT) ON MONDAY AUGUST 6 TO DISCUSS

RECENT MEETING OF EUROPEAN SPACE COUNCIL (ESC) AND ITS DECISION ON US-EUROPEAN PARTICIPATION IN SPACE LAB PROJECT. SINCE MINISTER EHMKE ON VACATION, AND HAUNSCHILD SICK, MEETING WOULD OCCUR ON MONDAY, AT EARLIEST.

2. LOOSCH SAID HAUNSCHILD WOULD PROBABLY WANT TO DISCUSS TWO PROBLEMS ARISING FROM ITALIAN GOVERNMENT'S FAILURE AT ESC MEETING TO COMMIT ITSELF OFFICIALLY TO AN APPROXIMATELY 20 PERCENT FINANCIAL SHARE OF EUROPEAN CONTRIBUTION TO SPACE LAB PROJECT. THE FIRST QUESTION TO BE DISCUSSED WAS WHAT PRACTICAL PROBLEMS WOULD ARISE IF THIS FAILURE DELAYED SIGNATURE OF US AND ESRO PAST AUGUST 15, 1973 DEADLINE TO SEPTEMBER 18, 1973. SECONDLY, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, LOOSCH INDICATED HAUNSCHILD INTERESTED IN GETTING US REACTION TO A COORDINATED APPROACH BY US AND FRG TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IN ATTEMPT TO ASSURE POSITIVE ITALIAN DECISION AND TO REDUCE ANY DELAY THAT MAY ARISE AFTER AUGUST 15 TO ABSOLUTE MINIMUM. LOOSCH SAID HE IN FACT OPTIMISTIC THAT ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD FINALLY AGREE TO PARTICIPATE BUT THAT, IN HIS VIEW, TIMING WAS CRUCIAL.

3. EMB REQUESTS GUIDANCE ASAP IN ORDER TO RESPOND TO POINTS RAISED PARA 2. EMBASSY AWARE OF SEPARATE, GIBSON MISSION TO WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS US-ESRO AGREEMENT AND REPORTED FRG REPRESENTATIVES DISCUSSION WITH AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN BRUSSELS ON POINTS RAISED PARA 2. ANY DETAILS ON THESE CONTACTS THAT COULD BE USED IN MONDAY MEETING WOULD BE APPRECIATED.  
HILLENBRAND

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